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Sixty-year-old Lesley Foden has one last pull on her rowing machine before setting off on a gruelling challenge this weekend. The East Woodhay resident will be rowing 1,800 miles around the coast of Britain to raise money for lifeboat charity the RNLI. Lesley will complete all eight legs over the next eight weeks. She is pictured with Andrew Short from sponsor Grundon.
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New hotel 'threat to business'

Sports centre boss's fear

By Matthew Brown

BASINGSTOKE Sports Centre fears its "very existence" could be under threat from a proposed hotel.

The centre's owner, Basingstoke Sports Trust, is concerned the 153-bedroom Village Hotel complete with leisure facilities, gym and pool at Basing View will damage its Festival Place business.

"We're not against fair competition but one of the issues with this hotel is that it's not being asked to stand on its own two commercial feet," said James Starbuck, chief executive of the sports trust.

"We're quite shocked that the council is going to spend so much money and forego so much revenue and income from the site for a hotel that's on record as saying it needs to generate a third of its turnover from the health and fitness club.

"We feel extremely disappointed. We're disappointed that we weren't consulted properly, we're disappointed that the council hasn't actually undertaken a property impact assessment on what the hotel would do to the sports centre and disappointed that the council would see that as a good use of public funds."

The trust recently launched a petition to save the sports centre.

It claims the new hotel will only be viable because of £3million in funding from the borough council to enable the development and the awarding of a 250-year lease on a peppercorn rent.

It also says "additional large-scale leisure provision is unnecessary and will displace our own customers".

But Cllr Simon Bound, cabinet member for communities and community safety – whose portfolio covers leisure – moved to try and allay the trust's concerns.

"We have always valued the work of Basingstoke Sports Centre and continue to do so, supporting it since 2000 with £3.5m of capital funding and £1.6million in annual grants (from April 2000 until March 2018) to provide many of the course and sessions people value," he said.

"We have said to the sports cen-

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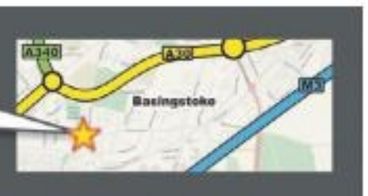

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Which candidate deserves your vote at the ballot box?

On June 8 the country will go to the polls in the general election.
In the Basingstoke constituency, voters have six candidates to choose from.
Conservative Maria Miller has held onto the seat since 2005, and was re-elected in 2015 with 25,769 votes. She is defending a majority of 11,063.
To see all the candidates from the other local constituencies of North East Hampshire and North West Hampshire, visit our website basingstokeobserver.co.uk.

Terry Bridgeman, Labour

I will stand up for the people of Basingstoke and fight to keep quality jobs, shops and businesses in the town.

Our local doctors' surgeries are feeling the strain, as are some of our local schools.

I want to secure better funding for our local schools, surgeries and the hospital.

I want a properly funded NHS that doesn't have four million people on waiting lists.

I want to reverse the cuts to our police.

I want a better service for our commuters standing on crowded trains into London.

I will live in Basingstoke and commute to London.

Maria Miller, Conservative

I will be the strong voice Basingstoke needs in parliament.

Basingstoke is now seeing massive investment: £35m cutting road congestion, a record number of new school places, new fire station, new police station and Business Enterprise Zone to attract even more jobs - all possible because of a strong economy and strong Conservative Government.

The British people took a democratic decision to leave the EU. I respect that and now want the best deal for Britain.

Voting Theresa May on June 8 will strengthen her negotiating position and deliver a better deal for Britain.

Scott Neville, Libertarian Party

I have key pledges for Basingstoke which I believe I can deliver on.

I intend to keep taxation as low as possible and increase the tax-free personal allowance.

I will commit to not supporting any rises in income tax or VAT.

I wish to support local businesses by reducing regulation that disproportionately hits smaller companies, particularly with the tendering system.

The state needs to be better at what it does, and this can be achieved by it doing less, allowing more to focus on what remains.

I will work to end public funding of HS2 and other vanity projects.

John Shaw, Liberal Democrat

As a former local borough and county councillor, I have a long record of campaigning for local people.

My priorities for Basingstoke include joining up our local hospitals and social care services to stop 10,000 bed days being lost because of insufficient facilities into which patients can be discharged.

I will fight funding cuts to local schools, which are set to lose £6.4m by 2019 under current government policy.

I want to see more homes being built so that everyone who wants to live in the area can afford to do so.

And I want to give you a say on the final terms of any Brexit deal.

Alan Stone, UKIP

I am proud to have worked with UKIP and VoteLeave to secure the referendum result Great Britain deserved.

Now we must all pull together, ensuring a decent future for the citizens of our country.

This must include all EU citizens who have made our country their home.

I will continue to expose the corrupt practice of allowing political donors to take prime Government development contracts, like the leisure park redevelopment.

I will insist on building council controlled social housing, and we must develop a low tax, small government approach for business to thrive.

Richard Winter, Green

I was born in Basingstoke and have lived here most of my life.

It is a great town, but I can clearly see the effects of the current government's cuts.

Our schools need to see funds increased, not reduced; our hospitals need to be publicly funded, not making profits for big business.

We need homes for all, that are fit to raise families in; we need investment in renewable energy sources to protect us from climate change and provide skilled jobs.

If elected, I will work for Basingstoke, with the Green Party, to bring the big, bold ideas needed to build a confident and caring Basingstoke.

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'We'll be out in front with our Baywatch babe soapbox car'

By Matthew Brown

IT'S Alexandra Palace or bust for a team of soapbox racers whose car was inspired by a 1980s TV icon.

Baywatch beauty Pamela Anderson will be 'driving' when the group of Basingstoke school friends compete in the Red Bull novelty race in London in July.

Josh Craven, Scott Waissen, Chris Grant and Adam Berry created 'The Pamela' after recalling how enchanted they were by the now 49-year-old's weekly frolics in a skimpy bikini on a Californian beach.

"We figured something along the lines of Baywatch because we're all '80s kids," said Josh.

"A friend of ours had a whole wall dedicated to Pamela so we wouldn't be 36-year-old males without being fans of her!"

Around 70 drivers will be competing in homemade cars against the lads who are aiming to raise £1,000 for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI).

The course starts on a ramp before taking in jumps and some sharp turns.

Josh is captaining the team and operating the brakes, with Chris – dressed as Pamela – driving.

"We're going to try and avoid using the brakes but you have to have them for health and safety," said Josh. "It can be quite dangerous actually but we'll be all right.

"We've put on our website that we're going to win but I think that's being a bit bold!

"A thousand pounds for the RNLI, finishing the race and having a good time would be a success.

'The Pamela' is going to have yellow plastic panels on its body, with the steering at the back.

Josh admitted they have never done anything like this before but said they wanted to do something as a group, raise money for charity and be adventurous.

"We're complete novices. Chris has built a kit-car and his dad's a mechanic so we've got a good team," he said.

'Team Pamela' all met at John Hunt of Everest School, leaving in 1996.

Visit http://tinyurl.com/kzaz29z to sponsor the lads.

Prototype of 'The Pamela' is tested without its body kit. Insets: The team and Baywatch star Pamela Anderson

News Bites

Hoax clears pub

BASINGSTOKE: A bomb hoax sparked the evacuation of the Popinjay pub in Popley at the weekend.

A man called police to say he had placed a device at the pub in Abbey Road at around 8.45pm on Sunday and that he was going to set it off.

The pub was evacuated but after a search nothing suspicious was found.

Police are now tracing the source of the call.

Let's go fly a kite

BASINGSTOKE: Bright colours will lighten up the sky above Down Grange as the Kite Festival returns this weekend.

As well as kite flying displays and demonstrations, children will be able to make their own kites. There will also be stalls, inflatables and a kite raffle.

The festival runs from 10am to 5pm on both days. Free parking is available.

Treacle treat

TADLEY: The 36th annual Treacle Fair promises to be a sticky encounter when it arrives at Saunders Field on Saturday.

Loddon Valley Lions are staging the event that features stuntman Jez Avery, Surrey Falconry and a funfair.

It starts at 11am and the procession arrives at noon.

Centre 'makes valuable contribution'

Concerned: Cllr Simon Bound

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tre that we will work with them to ensure its valuable contribution to the life of the borough is maintained."

Cllr Bound also said that instead of paying yearly rent, Village Hotels would be paying "an upfront multi-million pound figure, invest £20 million, create 100 new jobs and provide facilities employers on Basing View have been asking for."

He also said that as Basingstoke is a growing town, this meant "more leisure facilities for people to enjoy" and the money spent on the hotel "needs to happen for any redevelopment, regardless of who it is for".

"I encourage the sports centre to work with us and I encourage those people who have signed the petition to continue to support the sports centre."

A meeting between the sports centre and borough council is planned.

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Taxi firm in the pink for charity

A GENEROUS Basingstoke taxi firm has hit the accelerator and spent the last six weeks fundraising for Cancer Research.

Alpha Cars, based in Joices Yard, has even rebranded itself black and pink to raise awareness of cancer.

"It's been very challenging but it's for a good cause," said Steve Khaliq, who owns the company.

"We're aiming to raise £10,000 and we're just waiting to see what the final figure is."

The fundraising campaign ended on Saturday after daredevils bungee jumpeded down from 400ft above the ground at the Leisure Park.

Office team member Bradley Fisher also shaved his pink dyed hair and beard during the event, raising £2,000 in sponsorship.

Even opposition taxi firm G470 joined in by playing a five-a-side football match, which Alpha won 14-3.

Stands have been set up in the Malls centre and outside the railway station, not only to raise funds but also awareness of cancer.

Some drivers have jumped in to the saddle on both standard bikes and tandems wearing pink wigs. Meanwhile a quiz night was held at the Tea Bar.

Alpha returned to their normal black and yellow on Monday.

Some of the team get on their bikes for Cancer Research

Football supporters face a 'difficult time'

By Matthew Brown

BASINGSTOKE Town fans have been told to brace themselves for a "difficult time".

That was the warning from chief executive David Knight after a fans forum was held in the clubhouse last week.

Around 80 people packed into the Camrose to hear from and ask questions of owner and chairman Rafi Razzak.

Mr Razzak has previously said it is his intention to sell the Camrose for development so he can get back the money he has invested in the Dragons. He has just ended his financial support for the club.

"It's going to be a difficult time because we need to attract sponsorship and investment, but we won't be staying at the Camrose for ever and a day," Mr Knight said.

He could not offer assurances that the club would be able to see out the season at the Camrose:

"We're definitely starting the season at the Camrose.

"A lot of this is down to the views of the planning department, so if they give the guidance to say there's no restriction on continuing to play football while a planning application is submitted, then that makes it an easier decision.

"The landowner (BASRON Developments Ltd, a company owned by Mr Razzak) can put in a planning application and the club can continue to play but that point hasn't been clarified to the requirements of the landowner."

Mr Knight confirmed that a move to a supporter-owned community club "would be the best way forward".

He described the forum as "productive" and said fans "were asking the chairman a number of questions, which he was answering."

But this was disputed by supporters' club chairman Martin French.

He claimed Mr Razzak "didn't really answer any of the questions that were put to him.

"There's probably more uncertainty now than there was before Tuesday night," he said.

"He never answered anything, there's a lot of uncertainty and how we go forward.

"It may have been better for him not to be there. It would have been better for him to issue a statement about what he was going to do instead."

The club say a further meeting will be held later this month to discuss the change in ownership structure.

News Bites

Waste collection

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: Green-fingered people can now save making trips to recycling centres to dispose of their garden waste.

A borough council collection service will run every other week until mid-December. Residents signing up receive two sacks to collect the green waste.

It costs £20.22 from June until mid-December but those signing up later in the year will only be charged for the relevant number of collections.

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Quiz candidates

BASINGSTOKE: The six general election candidates for Basingstoke can be heard and questioned at a hustings.

The event will be hosted by St Mary's Church in Eastrop on Friday after being postponed out of respect for the victims of the Manchester terror attack. The event starts at 7.30pm.

Works shut road

BRAMLEY: Minchens Lane will be subjected to 18 weeks of road closures and temporary traffic lights to allow for road improvements to be carried out.

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Troops on guard at atom site

SOLDIERS have been deployed to guard the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) in "a precautionary measure".

A number of army units have been mobilised to support the police during Operation Temperer following last week's Manchester terror attack that killed 22 people.

AWE confirmed in a statement "some army personnel have arrived at AWE (Burghfield and Aldermaston).

"This is a precautionary measure so that if the on-site police are requested to deploy officers away from AWE in support of national security, the army will step into those roles.

"Army personnel will only be used in roles they are already suitably trained for.

"Neither safety or security at AWE will be compromised at any time."

Hampshire police have put in place both armed and unarmed officers at key locations "focused on crowded places, including transport hubs and shopping centres".

Armed police were reported to be patrolling Basingstoke station and the town centre.

Borough council leader Clive Sanders sought to reassure the public, saying they are "reviewing" protocols and procedures.

Excitement builds for rower

Lesley Foden will set off for her row around Britain this weekend

By Adam Flinn

WITH just days to go before she sets off on an eight-week adventure of a lifetime, Lesley Foden has admitted feeling a mixture of nervousness and excitement.

The 60-year-old from East Woodhay, near Newbury, is rowing 1,800 miles around the coastline of Great Britain, and is due to cast off from Burnham-on-Crouch in Essex this Saturday.

Lesley is now making her final preparations, two years after coming up with the idea to do the challenge in a spontaneous moment while stood in the kitchen.

As the big day gets ever nearer, Lesley said: "One moment I'm thinking it's great and I can't wait, the next minute it's 'good heavens, what have I signed up to'.

"But I've had so much support from so many different people in so many different ways that I couldn't dream of stopping now."

Lesley will be rowing all eight legs of the journey in the five-man boat.

The route will take her from Burnham to Cowes, Padstow, Dublin, Oban, Lochinver, Fraserburgh and Scarborough before returning to the starting point.

As part of her training Lesley has been working with Olympic silver medal-winning rower Guin Batten, who has explained what life can be like on board.

Lesley said: "I've been relying on Guin for the last several months, otherwise it's hard to know if you're overdoing it, not doing enough or doing the right stuff.

"She's rowed across the Atlantic and has been telling me about life on board, lots of little things it's nice to be prepared for, which you don't think about.

"Tensions among the crew, and don't ever be late when it's your turn to start rowing, because whoever you're taking over from is just screaming to get off their oars."

Having fundraised to cover the £20,000 cost of taking part in the challenge, Lesley is also hoping to raise the same amount for lifeboat charity the RNLI.

Her last few days on dry land will be spent packing and getting ready.

She said: "I've got to pack, which sounds silly, but I've got to pack, then unpack and pack again to make it as meagre as possible.

"Then basically it's just counting down the hours, doing a bit of stretching, take the train down to Burnham on Friday and we head off at 2pm on Saturday, weather permitting of course."

To donate to Lesley, go to justgiving.com/fundraising/lesleysrow.

News Bites

Free steam trip for war survivors

HAMPSHIRE: People born before the end of the Second World War in 1945 can travel for free on a steam railway's War on the Line event.

The Watercress Line is giving a spirit of the Blitz experience, based on wartime Britain, on June 10 and 11.

Tickets can be booked at watercressline.co.uk.

People wishing to use the special offer must pre-book online and show proof of their date of birth by contacting educationlinks.midhants@btconnect.com.

Lottery winners

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from May 26.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 993277 of Basingstoke, while ticket 83507, also of Basingstoke, claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Tadley ticket 70239, and Basingstoke ticket 62633 gets fourth prize of £20.

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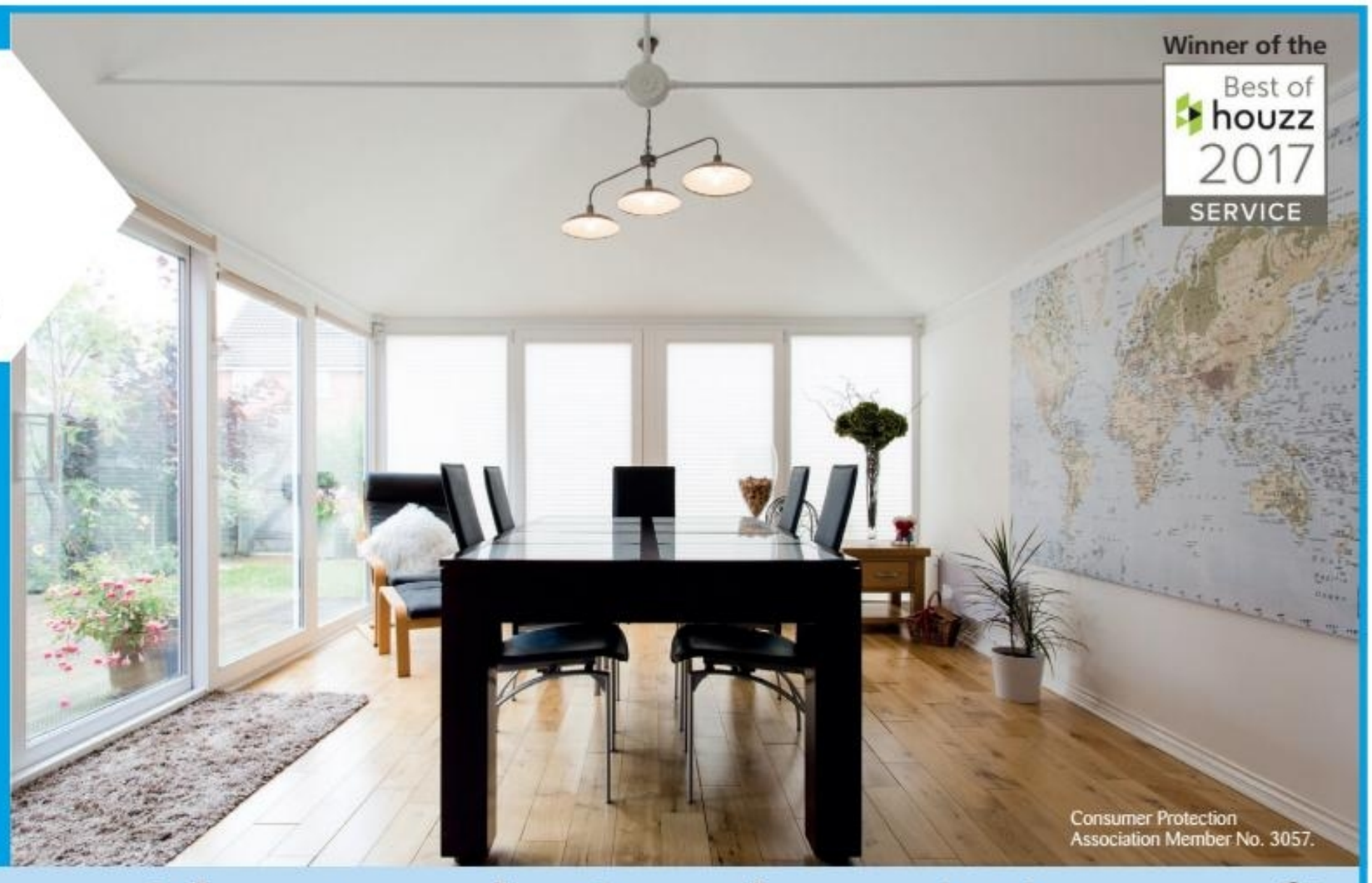

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News Bites

Cabinet post

HAMPSHIRE: Cllr Stephen Reid, newly elected county councillor for Basingstoke South West has been re-appointed to the county council's cabinet.

The Conservative was confirmed as executive member for human resources and performance at the authority's AGM in Winchester, along with other cabinet members.

Roy Perry was re-elected as leader.

Learn drill skills

DUMMER: The Eco Workshop is putting on a drill skills workshop for those who want to learn basic DIY.

Participants will learn how to drill into wood, brick, tiles or hollows wall with confidence.

The workshop is at Dummer Down Farm on June 3, from 9.30am until 4pm and costs £168.

Visit the-eco-workshop.co.uk for further information.

New machines

BASINGSTOKE: Pay machines that accept the new £1 coins and £5 notes have been installed at Basingstoke Hospital.

The updated machines also take card payments, and there is also a new smart barrier system where drivers will no longer need to stop for a ticket.

Wasp that?

Shane Jones with one of the nests Picture: Shane Jones of RIDTEK Pest Control

HUGE boulder-sized wasps' nests have been found at a house being renovated in Baughurst.

Shane Jones from RIDTEK Pest Control was called to the property after decorators discovered 10 nests in the attic that were more than a metre in size.

"The painters stuck their head in the loft yesterday and made a quick retreat after spotting the nests," Mr Jones told the BBC.

"Two of them were active and the rest old. They're some of the biggest we've seen.

They must have been there for some time undisturbed.

"It was such a cool discovery. The nests are fascinating to look at, with the engineering behind them."

Streets 'will clog up after station's car park closes'

By Matthew Brown

CONCERNS have been raised that the closure of Whitchurch Station car park will lead to the streets becoming "clogged up" with parked vehicles.

The temporary 49-space pay and display car park is set to close on the evening of June 7 and the site will be redeveloped to create five new homes.

"I opposed the planning consent for the temporary car park because I knew this was going to happen sooner or later," said Cllr Keith Watts, who represents Whitchurch on the borough council.

"The streets are going to become clogged up now that the car park's not going to be there."

Most people in Whitchurch cycled and walked to the station, he said.

Basingstoke and Deane borough council gave planning approval for the new homes in July 2015.

The temporary car park sits where the Railway Hotel, demolished in 2010, used to be, and approval had to be renewed every three years by owner Lochailort Investments Ltd.

Notices from Lochailort have appeared at the car park saying it has become "unviable" because of falling revenue over the past six months "due to the availability of free parking at the vacant offices across the road".

It also says Network Rail and South West Trains were offered the car park but both declined to buy it.

Now three three-bed and two four-bed homes will be built.

Cllr Watts urged commuters who used the car park to be mindful of local residents.

"I ask people not to park on the streets of Whitchurch but to use the car park at Andover."

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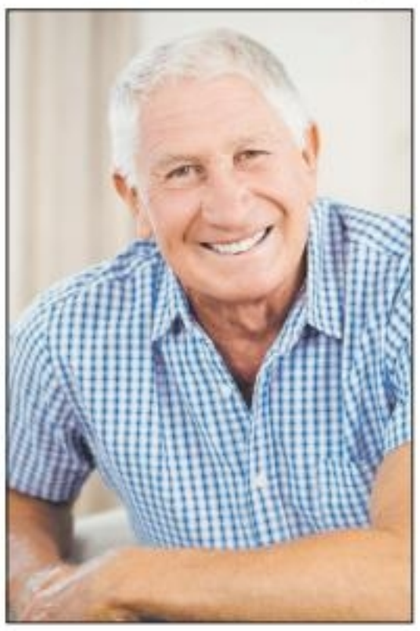

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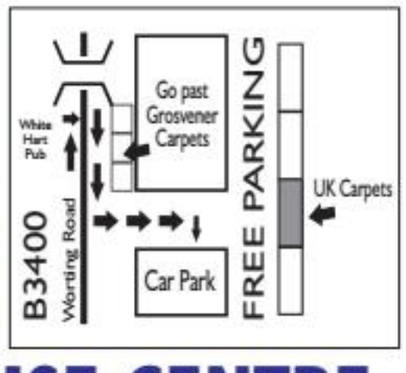

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Cheers for beers

BASINGSTOKE: The Queens Arms in Bunnian Place is hosting its annual beer festival.

It will run from Friday to Sunday with beers from all over the country available. Live music will feature in the late afternoon on Sunday.

There is also a quiz on June 6 starting at 8.30pm.

Call 01256 465488 for more information or to book.

Levi's striding in

BASINGSTOKE: Levi Roots will be taking centre stage at the Eat Street event on Saturday and Sunday.

Festival Place is hosting the Rastafarian musician and Reggae Reggae Sauce creator, who will be bringing his colourful flavours to town with live food demonstrations between 11am and 3pm on both days.

There will also be other live cooking demonstrations and samples from food and drink retailers.

Quiz politicians

WHITCHURCH: People will be able to question and hear from the general election candidates for North West Hampshire.

A hustings, chaired by the Rev Kelvin Inglis, is being held at All Hallows' church rooms on June 6 from 7.30pm.

Wow! Nurses who helped to save a life scoop award

By Matthew Brown

Recognition for nurses, from left, Shanti Gurung, Karen Sargeant and Beena Bala

HEROIC nurses who helped successfully resuscitate a patient under immense pressure at Basingstoke Hospital have won an award.

Shanti Gurung, Karen Sargeant and Beena Bala were recognised for their life-saving deeds at a special WOW! Awards lunch hosted by the local NHS foundation trust.

"It was stressful, but we were proud to have been able to help resuscitate the patient," said Shanti.

"We worked really well as a team and being able to do something like that for a patient is one of the reasons why I love being a nurse."

The three were on a night shift when the patient went into cardiac arrest.

Not working on their usual ward, Shanti and Beena sprung into action and were assisted by Karen who was called in from a neighbouring ward.

Other staff praised them for remaining calm, carrying out CPR and assisting doctors as they managed to successfully resuscitate the patient.

Beena added: "We were all surprised but really pleased when we heard we had won a WOW! Award.

"Helping the patient was reward enough, but it's really nice to get this recognition for what we were able to do that night."

A woman going through a complicated labour was assisted by midwife Chris Butt, who was also recognised for his outstanding care along with Christine Stefanopoulos and Linda Cenci, who were nominated for supporting young people with special needs during work placements at the trust.

Staff received their certificates on May 19 from creator of WOW!, Derek Williams.

Presentations were also made to departments for reaching a landmark number of WOW! nominations.

At Basingstoke Hospital, wards C2 and D3 have all received 50 nominations while staff working in diagnosis and treatment centre recently racked up 100.

Rekindling the French connection

A LONG-LASTING friendship between Whitchurch and its twin town in south west France has once again been rekindled.

Eighteen residents recently returned from Neuvic sur L'Isle in what was the 38th annual trip to celebrate the pairing.

"This year's visit was particularly memorable because we were there at such an important time for the French nation – the election of a new president," said Beth Shearing, chairman of the Testbourne Parishes Twinning Association.

"As always the food, entertainment and trip around the beautiful countryside were immensely enjoyable."

The group was welcomed with a Perigordian buffet (a local savoury version of a cream tea), and visited both France's only remaining slate mine and a chocolate factory.

There was also a walnut evening where everything was produced from the nut that particular region of France is known for. The trip ended with a gala meal attended by the Mayor of Neuvic, Francois Rousel.

Whitchurch will be welcoming their friends next year.

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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

4 Entertains (6)
8 Wildly excited (7)
10 Shorten (7)
11 Distribute (5)
12 Kind of boat (5)
13 Stripping (9)
16 Stars (9)
19 Rule (5)
20 Superior (5)
22 Chewed (7)
23 Provided with (7)
24 Slumbers (6)

Quick Clues Down

1 Frightened (6)
2 Letters (4)
3 Political wisdom (13)
5 Fairground attractions (5-2-6)
6 Tempters (8)
7 Perspires (6)
9 Desert plants (5)
14 Discrepancy (8)
15 Vagrants (6)
17 Business (5)
18 Step (6)
21 Pledge (4)

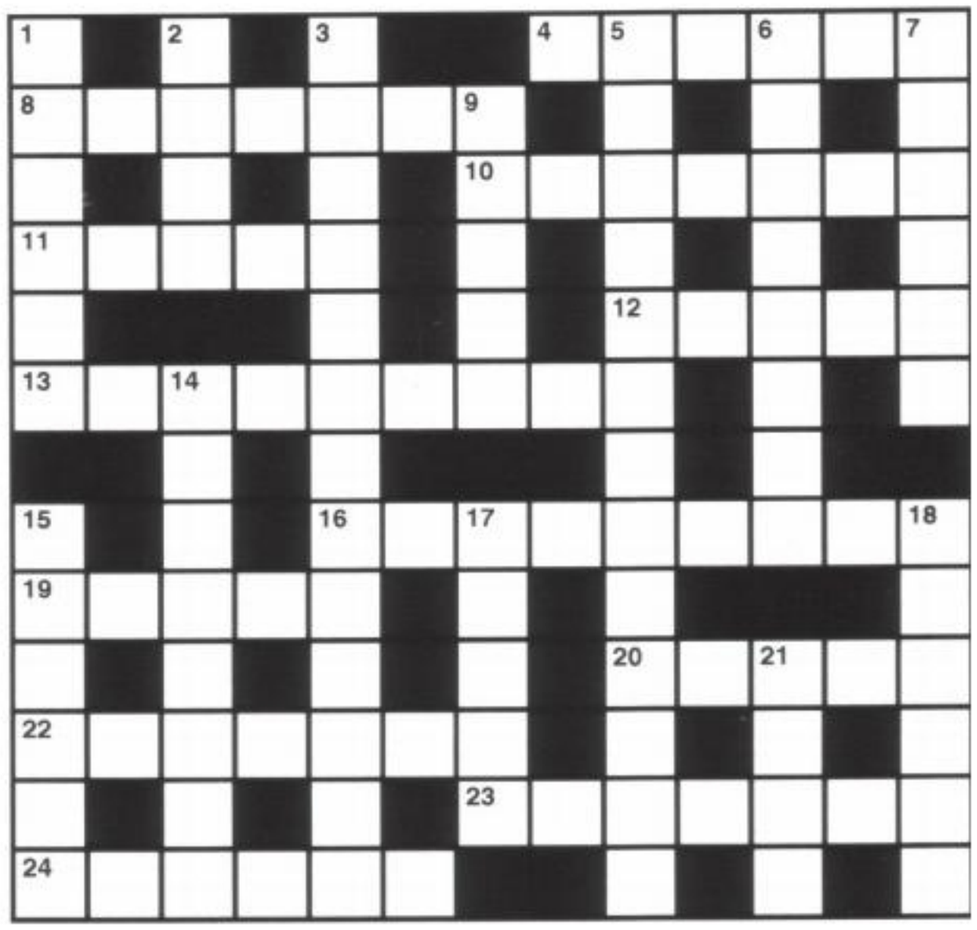
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

4 I leave the dream to worship (6)
8 So do our ingredients become fragrant (7)
10 Placed the cold tea elsewhere . . . (7)
11 . . . and turned over the book to find some inside showing signs of heat (5)
12 Kind of animal with father outside and inside (5)
13 One result of the reproductive system (9)
16 Replied there could be some grass round the southern lake (9)
19 Four immersed in drink, but still breathing (5)
20 Change part of the place of worship, by the sound of it (5)
22 Enquired about part of the Bible that could be reproduced (7)
23 The curve otherwise is round the edge (7)
24 It takes a worker on the land to steer at sea (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Loose talk of the swine turning back about an unusual call for help (6)
2 Propose to change houses (4)
3 Accommodation for the fresh-air fiend? (4,2,7)
5 The rule does not apply to a friend in unusual circumstances (13)
6 Enlarged externally, contracted, then finished (8)
7 The last organ to gain affection (6)
9 Incline to a particular angle (5)
14 Person of authority who is off before one secular uprising (8)
15 Projection that sounds as if one should strike it (6)
17 Dig this card (5)
18 Obscure, having taken refuge in study (6)
21 Record the conversation at the finishing post (4)



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5	2	7	6	4	1	3	8	9
8	6	4	5	3	9	1	2	7

Quick Crossword

Across: 4 Amuses 8 Frantic 10 Abridge 11 Allot 12 Yacht 13 Divesting 16 Asterisks 19 Reign 20 Upper 22 Mundane 23 Endowed 24 Sleeps

Down: 1 Afraid 2 Mail 3 Statesmanship 5 Merry-go-rounds 6 Seducers 7 Sweats 9 Cacti 14 Variance 15 Tramps 17 Trade 18 Stride 21 Pawn

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 4 Reverse 8 Odorous 10 Located 11 Steam 12 Panda 13 Photostat 17 Responded 19 Alive 20 Alter 22 Printed 23 Ellipse 24 Tiller

Down: 1 Gossip 2 Move 3 Room to breathe 5 Exceptionally 6 Extended 7 Endear 9 Slant 14 Official 15 Tappet 17 Spade 18 Darken 21 Tape

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The song was a million-selling, number-one hit in 13 countries and it forms the climax to the international hit stage show Thank You for the Music. The production – which also features the UK's most successful Bee Gees revue – is now in its 23rd year.

Show producer Michael Taylor boasts that the spectacle has been delighting live music fans for longer than Bjorn, Benny, Agnetha and Frida did during the 70s and 80s. "Combining Lycra-tight harmonies with superb musicianship," he says, "Thank You for the Music has outlasted ABBA in their prime. Dancing Queen represents the pinnacle of the group's career, and we have produced a brand-new show rocking the sound of 'the right music' for 2017".

Closing date: Friday, June 23

The set list, drawn from ABBA's nine number one hit singles, nine chart-topping albums and 19 top 20 singles in the UK, includes solid-gold hits like Super Trouper; Waterloo; Mamma Mia; Thank You for the Music; Gimme, Gimme, Gimme; Knowing Me Knowing You; Mamma Mia and, of course, Dancing Queen.

Thank You for the Music also features show stealers The Magic of the Bee Gees. The trio, backed by a live band, perform original Bee Gees' hits like Staying Alive, Massachusetts, Night Fever and How Deep is Your Love as well as million-sellers penned for other artists by the Bee Gees including Islands in the Stream, If I Can't Have You and Chain Reaction.

Win tickets

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Saturday June 3rd

BBC1

DAYTIME 11.30 Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well (S)(R) 12.00 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.15 Escape to the Country (S)(R) 2.15 Money for Nothing (S)(R) 3.15 FILM How to Train Your Dragon (2010) (PG) (S) 4.45 Pointless Celebrities (S)(R) 5.30 BBC News (S) 5.40 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 5.50 FILM Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981) (PG) (S)

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7.35 **Doctor Who** The whole world falls under the sway of a mass delusion. (S)

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8.25 **Casualty** Elle discovers some uncomfortable truths about her son Blake. (S)

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9.15 **Mrs Brown's Boys** Dermot announces his choice of best man for the wedding. (S)(R)
9.45 **BBC News; Weather;** (S) National Lottery Update (S)

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10.05 **Clique** Holly plots to expose the hidden crimes of Solasta and the clique. (S)
10.50 **Clique** Holly races to bring Georgia back from the brink. Last in the series. (S)

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11.35 FILM **The Spectacular Now (2013) (15)** Drama, starring Miles Teller and Shailene Woodley. (S)

AFTER 12
1.05 **Weather for the Week Ahead** (S) 1.10 BBC News (S)

BBC2

8.10 FILM **Goodbye, Mr Chips (1939) (U)** (S) 10.00 Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape (S)(R) 11.00 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) 12.00 Great British Menu (S)(R) 1.00 Joan Fontaine: Talking Pictures (S)(R) 1.30 FILM **Ivanhoe (1952) (U)** (S) 3.15 Natural World (S)(R) 4.00 Flog It! (S)(R) 5.00 Gardeners' World (S)(R) 6.00 FILM **Grow Your Own (2007) (PG)** (S)

7.30 **The Lake District: A Wild Year** Narrated by Bernard Cribbins. (S)(R)

8.30 **Dad's Army** The platoon is marooned on a derelict pier. (S)(R)

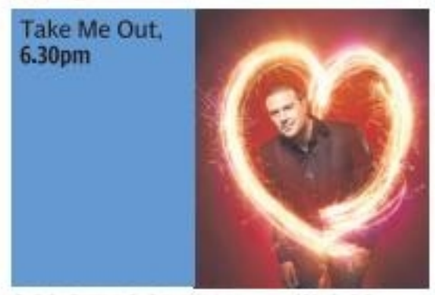
9.00 **Sgt Pepper's Musical Revolution – with Howard Goodall** The composer explores why the Beatles' 50-year-old album is still revered. (S)

10.00 FILM **The Sapphires (2012) (PG)** Drama, starring Deborah Mailman and Chris O'Dowd. (S)

11.40 **Cricket: ICC Champions Trophy Highlights** Sri Lanka v South Africa. (S)

12.30 **Versailles;** (S)(R) Inside Versailles (S) (R) 1.30 FILM **Miss Bala (2011) (15)** Crime drama, starring Stephanie Sigman. 3.20 This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV



6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) 8.30 Weekend (S) 9.25 ITV Racing: The Opening Show (S) 10.20 Judge Rinder (S)(R) 11.20 Tipping Point (S)(R) 12.20 ITV News; Weather (S) 12.25 Bigheads (S)(R) 1.30 ITV Racing Live: The Derby (S) 5.00 You've Been Framed! Unleashed! Comical clips, narrated by Harry Hill. (S)(R) 6.00 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 6.10 ITV News (S) 6.30 Take Me Out (S)

8.00 **The British Soap Awards 2017: Live** Phillip Schofield hosts the awards show live at the Lowry in Salford. (S)

10.00 **The Keith and Paddy Picture Show** Last in the series. (S)
10.30 **ITV News;** Weather (S)
10.45 **UEFA Champions League Highlights** Juventus v Real Madrid. (S)

11.45 **The Chase** Bradley Walsh presents. (S)(R)

12.45 **Jackpot247** 3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes? (S)(R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

6.45 Mobil 1 The Grid (S) 7.15 Motor Sport: British GT (S) 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 8.30 Frasier (S)(R) 10.00 The Big Bang Theory (S)(R) 11.25 The Simpsons (S)(R) 12.55 Come Dine with Me (S)(R) 3.35 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun (S)(R) 4.35 Big House, Little House (S) 5.35 Location, Location, Location (S)(R) 6.30 Channel 4 News (S) 6.55 Party Election Broadcast (S)

7.00 **The Restoration Man** George Clarke checks on the progress of North Yorkshire couple Carol and Majid Nadry. (S)(R)

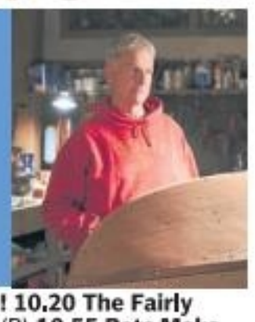
8.00 **Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson** The historian explores the UK's network of ancient trackways and roads. (S)(R)

9.00 FILM **Legend (2015) (18)** Premiere. Biopic of the Kray brother, starring Tom Hardy as both twins, with Emily Browning. (S)

11.35 FILM **Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (2011) (15)** Cold War thriller, starring Gary Oldman and Colin Firth. (S)

1.50 **The Last Leg** (S)(R) 2.50 Hollyoaks (S)(R) 4.55 Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb (S) 5.55 3rd Rock from the Sun (S)(R)

Channel 5



6.00 Milkshake! 10.20 The Fairly OddParents (S)(R) 10.55 Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud (S)(R) 11.15 Police Interceptors (S)(R) 12.15 Police Interceptors: The Fatal Four (S)(R) 1.15 Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole (S)(R) 3.10 Benefits Britain: Me & My 14 Kids (S)(R) 4.10 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door (S)(R) 5.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away (S)

7.10 **NCIS: Los Angeles** Part two of two. The Chameleon leads the team on a wild goose chase. Last in the series. (S)

8.00 **NCIS** The manhunt for the fugitive British spy continues. Last in the series. (S)
8.55 **5 News Weekend** (S)

9.00 **Most Shocking Celebrity Moments of the 90s** Infamous incidents from the 1990s, including OJ Simpson's trial. (S)(R)

12.05 **Access** 12.15 SuperCasino 3.10 FILM **Setup (2011) (15)** Crime thriller, starring Bruce Willis. (S) 4.40 House Doctor (S)(R) 5.05 Wildlife SOS (S)(R) 5.30 Access (S) 5.40 Angels of Jarm (S)(R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 You've Been Framed! Gold Yearbook 6.50 Emmerdale 8.50 Coronation Street 11.15 Britain's Got Talent 12.50 Britain's Got Talent Results 1.15 Take Me Out 2.35 Take Me Out – The Gossip 3.40 FILM: What a Girl Wants (2003) (PG) Comedy, starring Amanda Bynes. 4.40 FYI Daily 4.45 FILM: What a Girl Wants (2003) (PG) Concluded. 5.50 FILM: Happy Feet (2006) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Elijah Wood. 6.50 FYI Daily 6.55 FILM: Happy Feet (2006) (U) Concluded. 8.00 Take Me Out – The Gossip 9.00 FILM: The Fast and the Furious (2001) (15) Thriller, starring Vin Diesel and Paul Walker. 10.00 FYI Daily 10.05 FILM: The Fast and the Furious (2001) (15) Concluded. 11.10 Family Guy 1.10 American Dad! 2.05 Through the Keyhole 3.00 Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 On the Buses 6.55 Murder, She Wrote 10.00 FILM: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966) (PG) 11.05 FYI Daily 11.10 FILM: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966) (PG) 11.55 FILM: Columbo: The Most Crucial Game (1972) (PG) 1.35 Wycliffe 2.45 A Touch of Frost 4.50 Agatha Christie's Marple 6.50 Endeavour 9.00 Foyle's War 11.10 A Touch of Frost 1.20 Wycliffe 2.15 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Saints and Sinners: Britain's Millennium of Monasteries 8.00 The Search for Alfred the Great 9.00 Cardinal 10.25 Sounds of the Eighties 11.20 Lionel Richie – Dancing on the Ceiling 12.20 Lionel Richie at the BBC 1.20 Top of the Pops: The Story of 1984 2.20 Top of the Pops: 1984 3.20 Sounds of the Seventies 3.30 Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Couples Come Dine with Me 7.50 Made in Chelsea 8.55 FILM: Postman Pat: The Movie (2014) (U) 10.35 The Goldbergs 1.10 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts 1.20 FILM: A Turtle's Tale: Sammy's Adventures (2010) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Dominic Cooper. 3.05 FILM: Mr Popper's Penguins (2011) (PG) Family comedy, starring Jim Carrey. 5.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 FILM: Tower Heist (2011) (12) Crime comedy, with Ben Stiller and Eddie Murphy. 11.05 Gogglebox 1.00 Rude Tube 2.05 Tattoo Fixers 3.05 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 3.50 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 4.10 Kevin Can Wait 4.30 Black-ish 4.50 How I Met Your Mother

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Food Unwrapped 9.30 Come Dine with Me 12.05 Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb 1.05 Grand Designs New Zealand 2.10 Four in a Bed 4.50 Come Dine with Me 7.25 Guy Martin's Spitfire 9.00 Thriller in Manila 11.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 1.05 Father Ted 2.15 Guy Martin's Spitfire 3.45 Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Thunderbirds Are Go! (1966) (U) Puppet adventure, with the voice of Shane Rimmer. 1.00 Parental Guidance (2012) (U) Comedy, with Billy Crystal and Bette Midler. 3.05 Rio (2011) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Jesse Eisenberg. 4.50 Porridge (1979) (PG) Prison comedy, starring Ronnie Barker. 6.40 The Day After Tomorrow (2004) (12) Disaster thriller, starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Dennis Quaid. 9.00 The Grey (2011) (15) Wilderness adventure, starring Liam Neeson. 11.15 The Hole (2009) (12) Horror, starring Chris Massoglia. 1.05 Sinister (2012) (15) 3.20 Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping 7.25 Deadly 60 8.20 Top Gear 9.20 Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit 10.20 Go 8 Bit: DLC 10.50 Top Gear Botswana Special 11.50 FILM: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (1969) (PG) Western, starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford. 2.00 Sin City Motors 4.00 Top Gear 6.00 Dynamo: Magician Impossible 7.00 Gavin & Stacey 9.00 Would I Lie to You? 11.00 Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish 12.00 QI XL 1.00 Gavin & Stacey 1.40 Would I Lie to You? 2.55 Game of Arms 4.00 Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Secret Army 11.00 Sharpe 1.00 Secret Army 5.00 Open All Hours 7.00 Hetty Wainthropp Investigates 8.00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries 9.00 Taggart 11.30 Waking the Dead 12.45 Sharpe 3.30 Garden Hopping 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Beneath the Black: A Journey Through New Zealand Rugby 7.00 British and Irish Lions Tour Preview 8.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 11.00 Modern Family 12.00 Futurama 2.30 Modern Family 5.00 Supergirl 6.00 The Flash 7.00 MacGyver 8.00 Golf's Funniest Moments 9.00 A League of Their Own 10.00 FILM: A Beautiful Mind (2001) (12) Oscar-winning biopic, starring Russell Crowe. 12.00 Modern Family 1.00 Jamestown 2.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 3.00 The Five 4.00 Stop, Search, Seize 5.00 Zoo Tales

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Fish Town 8.00 The British 11.00 House 1.00 Cold Case 3.00 Blue Bloods 6.00 Drew: The Man Behind the Poster 8.00 Blue Bloods 9.00 Game of Thrones 10.05 Muhammad Ali's Greatest Fight 11.55 Mike Tyson: Undisputed Truth 1.40 Cold Case 2.40 Nurse Jackie 4.10 Urban Secrets

W SKY: 109

6.10 Boston's Finest 7.00 Inside the Ambulance 8.00 Traffic Cops 9.00 The Bill 1.00 EastEnders 3.30 Tom Kerridge's Best Ever Dishes 4.00 Extreme Makeover: Home Edition 5.00 My Family 7.00 FILM: America's Sweethearts (2001) (12) Romantic comedy, with John Cusack and Julia Roberts. 9.00 FILM: Contagion (2011) (12) Thriller, starring Matt Damon and Kate Winslet. 11.10 Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders 12.05 Inside the Ambulance 1.05 Grimm 2.00 Resurrection 3.00 Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.15 The Interviews 8.05 The Two Ronnies 9.45 One Foot in the Grave 10.25 The Two Ronnies Spectacle 11.30 Last of the Summer Wine 1.25 Only Fools and Horses 9.30 The Trip 11.30 Black Books 12.40 Monty Python's Best Bits (Mostly) 1.20 Nighty Night 2.00 Big Train 2.35 Steve Coogan: Live 'n' Lewd 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Football Gold 6.30 Premier League 100 Club 7.00 British and Irish Lions Tour Preview 8.00 Live International Rugby Union. Provincial Union XV v British & Irish Lions (kick-off 8.35am). 11.00 Beneath the Black: A Journey Through New Zealand Rugby 12.00 Darts Gold 1.00 Live World Cup of Darts. Coverage of the third day of the doubles event. 5.00 Live Betfred Super League. Hull FC v Wigan Warriors (kick-off 5.00pm). 7.00 Live World Cup of Darts. Further coverage of the third day of the doubles event. 11.00 International Rugby Union 12.00 ICC Champions Trophy Cricket 1.00 World Cup of Darts 5.00 Premier League 100 Club 5.30 Spanish Football Gold

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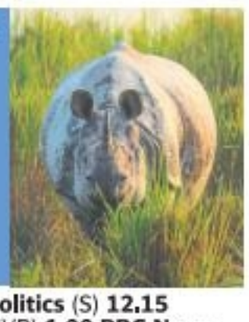

11.00 Sunday Politics (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **2.15 Money for Nothing** (S)(R) **3.00 Shop Well for Less?** (S)(R) **4.00 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **4.45 Points of View** (S) **5.00 Songs of Praise** (S) **5.35 BBC News** (S) **5.50 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.00 Question Time Leaders Special** (S)

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7.00 Countryfile Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison report from Essex, visiting a nature reserve for dragonflies. (S)

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8.00 Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce presents a second show from New Lanark on the banks of the Clyde. (S)

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9.00 Planet Earth II: A World of Wonder A compilation of some of the most spectacular footage from the series. (S)

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10.00 BBC News (S)
10.25 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.35 Election Questions Presented by Jo Coburn. (S)

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11.35 Election Questions With Leanne Wood, leader of Plaid Cymru. (S)

AFTER 12

12.05 The Women's Football Show (S) **12.40 FILM Up There (2012) (15)** Comic fantasy, starring Burn Gorman. (S) **1.55** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **2.00** BBC News (S)

BBC2

7.30 Gardeners' World (S)(R) **8.30 The Beechgrove Garden** (S) **9.00 Countryfile** (S)(R) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **11.30 Great British Menu** (S)(R) **1.00 Hairy Bikers' Best of British** (S)(R) **1.45 Laurence Olivier: Talking Pictures** (S)(R) **2.15 FILM Pride and Prejudice (1940) (U)** (S) **4.10 Natural World** (S)(R) **5.10 Flog It!** (S)(R) **6.00 The Fifteen Billion Pound Railway** (S)(R)

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7.00 Dragons' Den The panel assesses the profit-making potential of a fledgling fashion business. (S)(R)

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8.00 The Life Swap Adventure A nurse from Nottingham who wants to live somewhere with a sense of community swaps places with a B&B owner. (S)

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9.00 Paul Hollywood's Big Continental Road Trip Paul spends six days exploring Germany in six different cars. (S)

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10.00 White Gold Vincent, Fitzpatrick and Lavender meet a group of men from a local publishing company. (S)(R)
10.30 Dara O Briain Crowd Tickler (S)(R)

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11.30 Cricket: ICC Champions Trophy Highlights India v Pakistan. (S)

AFTER 12

12.20 FILM Salvage (2009) (18) Horror, starring Neve McIntosh. (S) **1.35** Sign Zone: Question Time (S)(R) **2.35** Holby City (S)(R) **3.35** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 Britain's Best Walks with Julia Bradbury** (S)(R) **10.00 Peston on Sunday** (S) **11.00 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **12.05 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.20 FILM The Queen (2006) (12)** (S) **2.25 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **3.25 Live: Michael Carrick Testimonial** (S) **6.15 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.25 ITV News** (S) **6.45 Catchphrase** (S)(R)

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7.30 Britain's Got Talent Final Ant and Dec host the climax of this year's nationwide talent search. Last in the series. (S)

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10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.20 Peston on Sunday Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston. (S)(R)

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11.25 Unbelievable Moments Caught on Camera Alastair Stewart presents extraordinary eyewitness footage filmed by members of the public. (S)(R)

AFTER 12

12.25 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

6.45 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) **8.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **8.55 Eating Well with Hemsley + Hemsley** (S) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 Eat the Week** (S) **1.30 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **2.00 FILM The Tigger Movie (2000) (U)** (S) **3.35 Winnie-the-Pooh: The Most Famous Bear in the World** (S)(R) **4.35 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** (S)(R) **5.35 Homes by the Sea** (S) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

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7.00 The Supervet A champion running dog is admitted with an abnormal elbow joint. (S)(R)

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8.00 Cabins in the Wild with Dick Strawbridge Dick Strawbridge and Will Hardie take a look at a cabin inspired by King Arthur and a double-decker tepee. (S)

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9.00 The Handmaid's Tale Offred and her fellow handmaids gather to assist with the birth of Janine's baby. (S)

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10.00 Gogglebox Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)(R)

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11.05 Micky Flanagan's Out Out Tour A performance by the comedian from his nationwide tour. (S)(R)

AFTER 12

12.10 FILM Apocalypto (2006) (18) **2.30** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) **3.15** KOTV Boxing Weekly (S) **3.45** Gillette World Sport (S) **4.10** Mobil 1 The Grid (S)(R) **4.35** Shipping Wars UK (S)(R) **5.05** Location, Location, Location (S)(R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.50 The Fairly OddParents (S)(R) **10.25 Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud** (S) **10.50 The Gadget Show** (S)(R) **11.40 Police Interceptors: Rookies and Raids** (S)(R) **12.45 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **1.40 FILM Asteroid: Final Impact (2015) (12)** (S) **3.20 FILM 10.0 Earthquake (2014) (PG)** (S) **5.05 FILM 2012 (2009) (12)** Disaster movie, starring John Cusack. (S)

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7.55 5 News Weekend (S)

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8.00 FILM Jackie Chan's The Forbidden Kingdom (2008) (12) Martial arts adventure, starring Jet Li and Jackie Chan. (S)

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10.00 FILM The Expendables 2 (2012) (15) Action thriller sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone and Jean-Claude Van Damme. Includes 5 News Update at 11pm. (S)

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11.50 Greatest Ever Disaster Movies Countdown as voted for by viewers of Channel 5 and readers of The Times. (S)(R)

AFTER 12

1.15 SuperCasino 3.10 Top 20 Funniest (S)(R) **4.00** World's Most Pampered Pets (S)(R) **4.50** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Emma Willis: The Hot Desk **6.10** Planet's Funniest Animals **6.30** Emmerdale **8.35** Coronation Street **11.10** Take Me Out **12.40** Take Me Out – The Gossip **1.45** Best of You've Been Framed! Gold **2.45** FILM: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) (U) Comedy sequel, starring Chris O'Donnell. **3.45** FYI Daily **3.50** FILM: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) (U) Concluded. **4.30** FILM: Despicable Me (2010) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Steve Carell. **5.30** FYI Daily **5.35** FILM: Despicable Me (2010) (U) Concluded. **6.25** FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Elijah Wood. **7.25** FYI Daily **7.30** FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) (PG) Concluded. **10.00** Britain's Got More Talent: Final **11.00** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **12.55** The Cleveland Show **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 FILM: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966) (PG) Comedy, starring Sid James. **7.00** FYI Daily **7.05** FILM: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966) (PG) Concluded. **7.40** Heartbeat **9.50** Murder, She Wrote **10.50** FILM: The Nun's Story (1959) (PG) Drama, starring Audrey Hepburn. **11.50** FYI Daily **11.55** FILM: The Nun's Story (1959) (PG) Concluded. **1.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **3.50** Foyle's War **6.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Tommy Cooper: Not Like That, Like This **12.05** A Touch of Frost **2.15** Heartbeat **3.05** May the Best House Win **4.45** On the Buses **5.40** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Egypt's Lost Queens **8.00** Egypt's Lost Cities **9.30** Egyptian Journeys with Dan Cruickshank **10.00** Arena: American Epic **11.00** Southern Rock at the BBC **12.00** Later... Folk America **1.00** Timeshift: Bridging the Gap – How the Severn Bridge Was Built **2.00** Engineering Giants: Gas Rig Strip-Down **3.00** Queen of Tigers: Natural World Special **4.00** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Baby Daddy **6.25** Couples Come Dine with Me **8.20** Hollyoaks **10.55** Made in Chelsea **12.00** Made in Chelsea Does Come Dine with Me **1.00** The Big Bang Theory **2.00** The Goldbergs **2.55** FILM: The Core (2003) (12) Sci-fi thriller, starring Aaron Eckhart. **5.35** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** Rude Tube **11.00** Tattoo Fixers **1.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.00** First Dates **3.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **3.45** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Come Dine with Me **11.30** Great Canal Journeys **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** The Secret Life of the Zoo **9.00** Father Ted **10.05** FILM: Robin Hood (2010) (12) Medieval adventure, starring Russell Crowe. **12.50** Ramsay's Hotel Hell **1.50** The Secret Life of the Zoo **2.50** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **3.40** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Picture Perfect (1997) (PG) Romantic comedy, with Jennifer Aniston and Jay Mohr. **1.00** Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (2011) (PG) Comedy, starring Jordana Beatty. **2.45** ParaNorman (2012) (PG) Animated adventure, with the voice of Kodi Smit-McPhee. **4.35** Mirror Mirror (2012) (PG) Fantasy, starring Julia Roberts. **6.45** About Time (2013) (12) Romantic fantasy comedy, with Domhnall Gleeson and Rachel McAdams. **9.00** Red (2010) (12) Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis. **11.10** 48 Hrs (1982) (15) Comedy thriller, starring Nick Nolte and Eddie Murphy. **1.00** Rust and Bone (2012) (15) Romantic drama, starring Marion Cotillard and Matthias Schoenaerts. **3.30** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Traffic Cops **8.00** Top Gear **10.00** Sin City Motors **11.00** Traffic Cops **12.00** FILM: Escape to Victory (1981) (PG) Second World War adventure, starring Michael Caine. **2.20** Top Gear **3.30** The Joy of Techs **4.30** Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit **5.30** Go 8 Bit: DLC **6.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **7.00** Top Gear **8.00** Traffic Cops **9.00** QI XL **10.00** Unspun with Matt Forde **10.30** Would I Lie to You? **11.10** Taskmaster **12.10** Greg Davies: Firing Cheeseballs at a Dog **1.30** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.20** Suits **3.10** Game of Arms **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 The Agatha Christie Hour **8.00** As Time Goes By **8.40** The Bill **11.40** King Solomon's Mines **3.40** Catherine Cookson's The Wingless Bird **6.40** Call the Midwife **8.00** Mercy Street **9.00** Silent Witness **11.15** Spooks **12.35** Taggart **2.50** Mercy Street **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **8.00** Futurama **10.30** Game Changers **11.00** Supergirl **12.00** The Flash **1.00** WWE Raw Hits **2.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough **2.30** David Attenborough's Wild City **3.30** Modern Family **6.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **9.00** Hawaii Five-0 **10.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **11.00** MacGyver **12.00** The Force: Essex **1.00** Air Ambulance ER **2.00** Arrow **3.00** The Five **4.00** Stop, Search, Seize **5.00** Zoo Tales

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6.00 Fish Town **9.00** The British **12.00** House **2.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Twin Peaks: The Return **11.20** Real Time with Bill Maher **12.30** Veep **1.05** Cold Case **2.00** Twin Peaks: The Return **3.10** Nurse Jackie **4.15** Urban Secrets

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6.00 Boston's Finest **6.40** Bondi Rescue **7.40** Your Home in Their Hands **9.00** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **1.00** Doctor Who **4.00** My Family **6.00** Outnumbered **8.00** One Born Every Minute **9.00** Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders **10.00** Ordinary Lies **11.10** Louis Theroux: Transgender Kids **12.10** Inside the Ambulance **12.30** Boston's Finest **1.20** Grimm **2.05** Resurrection **3.00** Home Shopping

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7.20 The Two Ronnies **8.50** One Foot in the Grave **10.10** Only Fools and Horses **9.30** The Trip **11.30** I'm Alan Partridge **12.50** The Thick of It **2.10** The League of Gentlemen **2.45** Limmy's Show **4.00** Home Shopping

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ENTERTAINMENT & LEISURE

Elkie shares her sunshine

By Josh Cox

ONE of the most successful and popular singers the UK has ever produced is returning to The Anvil.

Now in the fifth decade of her career, Elkie Brooks is still proving to be one of the most powerful and versatile vocal talents of her generation.

Rising to fame in 1964 at just 15 years old with her cover of Etta James' Something's Got a Hold on Me, Elkie has since gone on to have quite the career including being nominated twice for Brit Awards, selling millions of albums, and hit singles such as Pearl's a Singer, No More the Fool and Sunshine After the Rain in the UK top-10 charts.

In her career, Elkie has dazzled audiences and critics alike with her tremendous vocal talent. She has toured the world and worked alongside other great artists such as The Beatles and The Animals.

Known for her powerful voice, the British Queen of Blues is set to kick off the release of her 21st studio album with her newest tour.

Having released more albums that have reached the top-75 of the UK album charts than any other British artist, you can bet that her new album is going to be something truly spectacular.

Elkie will be performing some of her best-known blues and jazz hits on this tour. With such a powerful voice she always guarantees a stunning performance. After all, whatever she does, she does it best live.

The show at The Anvil on Friday, June 16 promises to be a another fantastic performance from Elkie. Don't miss the chance to see a great artist in action.

Full price tickets are £29.50 and this includes £2 booking fee. Call the Anvil Arts box office on 01256 844244 or visit anvilarts.org.uk to book your place.

Elkie Brooks, one of the UK's most successful artists, is coming to The Anvil laster this month

Don't watch that...

MUSIC: The famous Madness tribute act The Los Palmas 6 will be performing their greatest hits at The Academy in Basingstoke this Saturday.

There will be lots of fun and a DJ afterwards to keep the party alive.

Tickets prices are £12. The gig starts at 7pm and is expected to run into the early hours.

Smokin' hot tunes

MUSIC: A great night is guaranteed with rock and blues band, Smoke N' Fire as they are set to perform at The Swan in Sherborne St John.

The five piece group will be covering rock 'n' roll hits from the past 40 years on Saturday from 8pm.

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Roll back the years

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This June, find out just how you could become the proud owner of your own at the UK's leading show for park and leisure homes. Stoneleigh Park will be transformed into a Leisure Park giving visitors a real insight into the relaxed park lifestyle they too can achieve.

Open to the general public from 9th to 11th June, the annual World of Park and Leisure Homes Show will see some of the industry's top experts exhibiting alongside a display of OVER 55 leisure and park homes to view inside and out! from 18 Major UK Manufacturers - it's a show not to be missed!

Meet representatives from Leisure, Holiday and Residential Park Sites across the UK and beyond and discover the fantastic locations you could enjoy from this wonderful, secure and affordable leisure lifestyle.

Taking place in the stunning grounds of Stoneleigh Park in Warwickshire, this outdoor event will keep visitors up to date on all that's new and upcoming in the park and leisure home field and, whether you're looking to purchase your own or simply giving the one you have a well overdue upgrade, it's an opportunity to get up close and personal with the best in the business.

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ENTERTAINMENT & LEISURE

Remember The Floral Dance?

By Josh Cox

THE Brighouse and Rastrick Band, best known for its 1977 hit with Sir Terry Wogan, The Floral Dance, are coming to The Anvil.

With more than 130 years of proud history, the band is still making its mark on the new century whilst maintaining the traditions and quest for musical excellence for which it is famed.

The band has many notable triumphs to its credit in the highly competitive contesting field – the major means by which brass bands match themselves against each other.

One of the bands most impressive feats is holding the record of major championship victories since it first came to national prominence during the 1920s.

In 1998, the band held, concurrently, the English Masters, British National and European Championships title, a unique 'triple championship' that to this day, is still not equalled.

Amongst the general public, Brighouse and Rastrick is perhaps most familiar for its well-known chart success The Floral Dance, which won both Silver and Gold Discs for massive record sales and tremendous national and international acclaim.

Often hailed as England's number one brass brand, Brighouse and Rastrick is also regarded by many as the best and most consistent 'public subscription band' in the world!

Starting over 130 years ago, the band made it's way through public donations given by the townsfolk of the adjacent villages of Brighouse and Rastrick that face each other across the River Calder in West Yorkshire.

Over the years, 'Briggus' has hosted the majority of premier band championships with their highly entertaining concerts for both the general public and brass band connoisseur alike!

Tickets for the Brighouse and Rastrick Band are priced at £20, which includes a £2 booking fee.

For more information or to book, call the Anvil Arts box office on 01256 844244, or visit anvilarts.org.uk.

For the record...

MUSIC: The four piece covers band, Off The Record will be performing hits from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s at The Wheatsheaf in Alton.

Rolling out the best songs from the last 60 years, Off The Record have a knack for producing highly entertaining evenings.

Saturday's free gig starts at 9pm.

Dance in time

SHOW: The much-loved dance show Strictly is all set to be performed live at The Anvil on Thursday, June 8 at 7.30pm.

An Audience with Ian Waite and Natalie Lowe, Somewhere in Time, is back with a bang after their first successful UK tour.

This new dance spectacular will provide full on entertainment and romance, with ballroom, Latin and lots of laughs and stories along the way. Tickets cost £28.

A kickin' night

MUSIC: Bringing rock and roll to the Wellington Social Club in Basingstoke on Saturday are The Sidekicks as they perform live on stage.

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ENTERTAINMENT & LEISURE

Cracking cast bring hope to faltering franchise

Wonder Woman (PG)

By Laurie Bailey

RARELY has there been so much optimism surrounding an upcoming superhero film - especially one from the studio that brought us the critical and relative commercial failures of Batman vs. Superman and Suicide Squad, both of the DC comic book universe.

Yet such is the charisma of star Gal Gadot and the appeal of Wonder Woman as a character that everyone I meet owns up to cautious excitement.

Director Patty Jenkins (Monster) takes us through the sword, shield and whip-wielding superhero's origins, right the way back to Ancient Greece. Amazon princess Diana's secluded existence is disrupted when charming First World War pilot Steve Trevor (Chris Pine) crash lands near her hidden island, inadvertently bringing along a hostile German force.

Seeing the horrors of violence firsthand, she is convinced that god of war Ares is behind it all, and leaves with Steve to defeat him and save the world.

Fortunately, the potential tangle of all this context is immediately shrugged off and a straightforward heroic adventure begins, filled with action, self-discovery and - most welcome of all - humour.

Jenkins seems to have spotted where DC's previous films went wrong, allowing her characters to live and breathe as real people, not merely dispensing justice like ice-cold, super-strong robots.

Wonder Woman and her rag-tag team make jokes, despair openly, fall in love and battle inner demons, all while desperately figuring out how to beat the bad guy.

Hyper-stylised combat scenes emphasise Gadot's strength and physicality, somehow making a sword and shield seem the obvious choice in a fire-fight. But the film is at its best when our breastplate and pants-wearing heroine bemuses prudish wartime Londoners in classic fish-out-of-water scenes.

Pine and Gadot are dynamic leads, easily papering over cracks in a clunky screenplay, while Lucy Davis (The Office) is excellent as cheerfully steely secretary Etta.

Sadly, Batman vs. Superman's Zack Snyder still seems to have had an unwelcome impact as co-producer. Grittier moments are matched by dull colour palettes, and action sequences occasionally veer into his signature brand of over-exaggerated physics and tedious solemnity.

On the strength of all that is wonderful about Wonder Woman, the sooner Snyder's name is off the call sheet, the brighter DC's film future will become.

Chris Pine as Steve Trevor and Gal Gadot as Diana in the action adventure Wonder Woman, a Warner Bros Pictures release.

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Is this the SUV we've been looking for?

By **Tony Yates**

THE so-called Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV) or Crossover has been selling particularly well for a while now, thanks to buyers looking for a car that can tick all the boxes such as; space, practicability, economy and performance.

So, this week I have the rather good looking Suzuki Vitara S on test and I have to say, it's putting on a pretty good show in convincing me that maybe this is the one we really should all be looking at.

Power and efficiency

The Vitara 'S' is powered by a four-cylinder direct injection turbocharged petrol engine that produces 140ps at 5500rpm and 220Nm of torque between 1500-4000rpm. 0 to 62 mph is dealt with in 10.2 seconds – moving onto a top speed of around124 mph.

The official fuel economy figures from Suzuki are; 52.3 mpg (combined) with a CO2 rating of 127 g/km - although the best I could get was around 44mpg, but then I was not really trying to get near what Suzuki had said was possible.

On the road

I like the way the Vitara handles – but I do feel the suspension needs to be a little stiffer - saying that, when the road gets twisty – it is more than capable of holding it's own thanks to the ALLGRIP 4-wheel drive system which in real terms performs well. You also get a lot of information through the steering as to what the wheels are doing on the surface of the road - which all helps in giving you a lot of confidence into the corners.

If you do decide to take the Vitara onto a muddy field - or a slippery surface – you can be assured it will do its best to move you along at a reasonable pace, whilst keeping you on the straight and narrow.

Design & technology

My test car was fitted with suede seating and red interior accents which lifts even the most boring of interiors – Not that the inside is boring, but you do sense the Vitara was set out to be more practical that luxurious.

Space – well let's just say it has bags of it – along with a decent driving position and plenty of room in the back for three adults - even people who are 6ft plus would have no problem fitting in. The boot is pretty good too with luggage capacity coming in around 710 litres.

Some of the standard features on the Vitara S include; LED daytime running lights, LED projector headlamps, ALLGRIP 4-wheel drive system, adaptive cruise control, DAB digital radio with 6 speakers, USB, Bluetooth and iPod, driver and passenger front, side and curtain airbags, ABS with EBD, Electronic Stability Program, Hill Hold Control and Hill Descent, front & rear parking sensors and rear parking camera.

To sum up

Suzuki have done a fantastic job here - and I expect the Vitara S to sell well in what is now a fast paced SUV market.

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League format confirmed

By Adam Flinn

BASINGSTOKE Bison will compete in a revised National Ice Hockey League (NIHL) Division One South next season following the late withdrawal of three teams.

Nine sides will now face each other in a single league, playing each other twice home and away for a 32-game season.

The top-eight teams at the end of the year will fight for the play-offs, while a cup competition is also being planned.

It ends a period of uncertainty following Oxford City Stars, Chelmsford Chieftains and Solent Devils all resigning due to increased costs of a single league structure after a two conference system had previously been agreed.

A statement from the NIHL said: "We're naturally disappointed, as are our member teams, that the conference system agreed in the meeting on May 7 is not going to be possible.

"Since this happened, we've been consulting with our member teams to resolve the way forward. It is clear that from discussions that we have nine teams committed to the NIHL1 standard and we're pleased to get this information out.

"It has always been our intention to attempt to return NIHL1 South to 10 teams at the earliest possible opportunity.

"Therefore we can confirm that with nine teams in the league there will be no relegation at the end of the 2017/18 season."

Discussions are still ongoing for division two, in which Basingstoke Buffalo is expected to play.

Following the statement from the league, Bison confirmed that Derek Roehl and Joe Rand would not be returning for the new campaign.

Roehl made 51 appearances for the club and scored 25 goals, while Rand played 224 times over five seasons. He has returned home to Canada after retiring from ice hockey.

But Tomas Karpov will be staying with the Herd for a fifth season as part of a university link-up while he continues his studies at the University of Winchester.

Doug Sheppard, Bison's director of hockey, said: "I couldn't be happier that Tomas will be back for a fifth season in the club's colours.

"He's the complete player for our side, a great point-scorer."

Joe Rand is leaving Basingstoke Bison after five seasons. Picture by grantkingphotography.com

News Bites

Ladies second

ICE HOCKEY: Basingstoke Bison Ladies have taken second in the WD1 South after winning their last game of the season.

They beat Streatham Storm 5-2, with Jodie Attrill getting a hat-trick alongside goals for Hannah Martin and Aniko Gaal.

Bison jumped ahead of Cardiff Comets to second in the standings. Basingstoke won all four games they played in May.

Bracknell Firebees finished as champions with 21 points.

84 not enough

CRICKET: Daniel Plume's 84 wasn't enough for Hartley Wintney as they came up short on Saturday.

Paultons had set a target of 194 all out inside 44 overs.

Scott Baldwin added 37 for Wintney but they ran out of steam at 175.

First in class

MOTORSPORT: Ricky Collard picked up a first in class in his first attempt at the Nurburgring 24 Hours at the weekend.

The north Hampshire driver was racing in a BMW M4 GT4 alongside team-mates Dirk Adorf, Jorg Weidinger and Jethro Bovingdon. He finished 36th overall.

Eagle helps Rose fly into the weekend

Justin Rose

AN EAGLE on the 18th in his second round ensured Justin Rose squeezed underneath the cut line by a single shot at the BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth.

The north Hampshire golfer eventually finished in a tie for 12th place after a better showing on Saturday and Sunday, ending on five under par.

The 2017 Masters runner-up nearly didn't make it to the weekend at all however, after languishing on four over par with one hole to play on Friday.

He had hit a level par 72 on Thursday, but then a quadruple bogey on the sixth on Friday left him with a lot of work to do.

With the cut at three over, Rose needed an eagle at the last to make it into the weekend – and somehow managed to pull it off.

He moved up the order over the weekend, with a two under round of 70 on Saturday getting him back to level par for the tournament.

He then hit a bogey-free final round of 67 to jump up the standings to joint 12th, helped by birdies on the final two holes.

Rose finished six shots behind tournament winner Alex Noren, who hit a sensational 10-under round on the final day to come from nowhere to take the victory.

Brewer provides the froth for first victory

HOOK and Newnham Basics picked up their first win of the season in comprehensive fashion as they beat Tichborne Park by seven wickets on Saturday.

Tichborne batted first and struggled to build up any momentum, finding themselves on 94-8 relatively quickly.

Aidan Pond and Edward Berry did manage to get some runs late on, but Tichborne could only reach 149 before they were all out, with Shane Brewer starring for Hook by taking five wickets.

It was then Hook's turn to bat and things didn't get off to a great start as Ben Thane was dismissed for a duck.

Matt Love (21) and Richard Willcock (20) got Hook going, along with Matthew Buckingham's 16, before Jordan Hobday hit a not out 79 to cement the win.

Hook sit ninth in the Southern Premier League Division One with a points average of 10.50.

Their next game is away to Ventnor on Saturday.

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Unbeaten start to season over despite opener Belcher's century

Ray stings Bountymen with solid knock to clinch match

By Matthew Brown

BASINGSTOKE and North Hants CC's unbeaten start to their southern premier division one campaign is over after a three-wicket home defeat to Liphook.

The Bountymen were put into bat by the visitors and openers Daniel Belcher and Joe Oates made a steady start before Oates was dismissed for 13, caught by visiting captain Surman Ganguly off the bowling of Ryan Covey.

Belcher continued to be solid in both attack and defence but George Metzger (14) and Dean Nurse (1) could not really provide the support needed to get a score of 300-plus.

It took a useful 38 off 23 balls from captain Mitch Stokes and 54 (51 balls) from Scott Dyer to give Basingstoke some runs to play with.

They finished their 50 overs on 246 for 5, thanks to Belcher who finished unbeaten on 109. It came off 147 balls and included 10 fours.

Liphook openers Ryan Covey (50) and Rob Nicklin (31) put on 66 runs for the first wicket, giving the visitors a solid start.

Basingstoke player-coach David Griffiths made the breakthrough when he bowled Nicklin.

There was further joy next ball for the ex-Hampshire and Kent professional fast bowler when Giles Cover was dismissed for a golden duck, nicking through to wicketkeeper George Metzger.

Ganguly (50) survived the hat-trick ball and set about re-building the innings along with Covey.

Covey was eventually out, caught by Martyn James off Ryan Connor, but Mainak Ray supported his captain well.

Ryan Connor had a chance for a hat-trick when Grant Rouse was caught behind by Metzger for 22 and next ball, trapped George Neave (0) lbw leaving Liphook 212-5.

Ray (59 not out off 73 balls) scored the bulk of the remaining runs as they ran out winners by three wickets in the penultimate over of the game.

Connor was the pick of the Basingstoke bowlers, finishing with figures of 4-51 off 7.4 overs.

Next up for the Bountymen in the league is Rowledge away.

Basingstoke and North Hants in action earlier this season

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